

REMARKS

The application includes claims 1-5, 7-14, 16-22, 25-27 and 29-34. Claim 14 is amended. Claims 25-27, 29 and 31 are allowable. Claims 6, 15, 23-24, 28 and 35-60 were cancelled.

Applicants thank the Examiner in charge of the application for the courteous interview granted to the undersigned. The following remarks include a summary of the interview.

Claims 1-5 and 7-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply to the written description requirement. The Examiner stated that the term "non-radiolucent aligning feature" is not described in the specification. As agreed at the interview, the disclosure has been amended to add the words "non-radiolucent" to the disclosure. This is considered a formal matter to add a literal basis for the words, the substance of which was evident from the disclosure, as indicated in the previous response.

As indicated in the Interview Summary issued by the Examiner, the Examiner now agrees that none of the cited art teaches the use of a non-radiolucent aligning feature.

Claims 14, 16-22, 30 and 32-34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Christer (EP patent publication 1 000 580).

Claim 14 has been amended to include, in the alternative, the limitations of claims 16 and 17. Neither of these limitations are taught by the references of record.

In view of the above remarks, applicant submits that the claims are patentable over the prior art. Allowance of the application is respectfully awaited. If, however, the Examiner is not convinced and the Examiner is of the opinion that a telephone conversation may forward the present application toward allowance, applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner call the undersigned at 1 (877) 428-5468. Please note that this is a direct *toll free* number in the US that is answered in the undersigned's Israel office. Israel is 7 hours ahead of Washington.

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